

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
MACON DIVISION

STACEY BLACKSHEAR,

Petitioner

vs.

BELINDA DAVIS,

Respondent

NO. 5:07-CV-61(CAR)

PROCEEDINGS UNDER 28 U.S.C. §2254
BEFORE THE U. S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE

ORDER OF TRANSFER

Petitioner **STACEY BLACKSHEAR**, an inmate at the McEver Probation Detention Center in Perry, Georgia, has filed the above-captioned 28 U.S.C. § 2254 proceeding in this Court challenging a conviction in the Superior Court of Laurens County, Georgia. Laurens County is located in the **Southern** District of Georgia.

28 U.S.C. § 2241(d) permits a state prisoner's habeas petition to be filed in the district within which the prisoner was convicted or in the district within which the prisoner is confined and further permits discretionary transfer by the Court from one such district to the other. It is the long-standing policy and practice of the United States District Courts for the Middle, Northern, and Southern Districts of Georgia to cause all such petitions to be filed in, or transferred to, the district within which the state prisoner was convicted. Adherence to this practice and policy results in each district court considering habeas matters coming only from state courts within its jurisdiction and in an equitable distribution of habeas cases between the districts of this State.

Consistent with this policy and practice, the subject state prisoner's habeas corpus petition is hereby **TRANSFERRED** to the **SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA** along with all orders, motions, affidavits, pleadings, and exhibits (if any) filed herein for further proceedings under § 2254.

SO ORDERED, this 5th day of March, 2007.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Claude W. Hicks, Jr." The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Claude" being the most prominent.

CLAUDE W. HICKS, JR.
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE